

NE District Spring Fire School
Sisseton
April 29, 2012

Registration : 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM at the Sisseton Fire Hall (417 E. Oak Street)
8:30 AM Introduction of Instructors & Announce class locations
9:00 AM – Noon Classes
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 PM Business Meeting
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Classes
4:30 PM Dutch Lunch at Sisseton Fire Hall

Cost: \$15 per person

Classes:

Air Management/Firefighter Survival/Interior Attack - 6hrs. Instructors: Rick Jorgenson & Nate Helmer, Lidgerwood, ND; John Sakry, Milnor, ND; Jason Enerson, Mandan, ND.

A question that every firefighter should be able to answer without hesitation is “How long can they work while wearing an SCBA?” The fire ground is not the place to figure out the answer! In this class, firefighters will learn and demonstrate controlled breathing techniques as well as determine their personal “Point of No Return” and other critical management benchmarks. Are you prepared to survive a Mayday situation? This hands-on class gives firefighters the basic skills necessary to survive a Mayday situation (following a hose line, wall breaching, through the wall maneuvers, reduced profile maneuvers, entanglements, and firefighter escape techniques.)

It's no secret that today's fires are more dangerous than those of the past. It's also no secret that the majority of structure fires are controlled and extinguished by the initial attack line. The ability to quickly size-up a structure, read the smoke and fire, choose the correct attack line to safely confine, control and extinguish the fire is the hallmark of a good attack team. In this interactive, hands on class, firefighters will learn and demonstrate how to properly select, stretch and advance the initial attack line on the fire floor as well as up and down stairways. Class size is limited to 25 students. **Students will need to provide their own NFPA compliant personal protective clothing and SCBA to participate in this class. Students will also need to be well versed in donning their personal protective clothing and proficient with using their department's SCBA. (This is not a basic or beginner's SCBA course!) Students will also need to be 18 years of age to participate.**

Strategy & Tactics – 6hrs. Instructor: Mike Rommeich, Aberdeen, SD.

Rescue, Exposures, Ventilation, Confinement, Extinguish, Salvage and Overhaul are the basics of all firefighting operations. Learn how to best utilize the resources and personnel that you respond with to safely and efficiently conduct these “Basics.” Do you have a plan? Do you have a back-up plan? Do you have the equipment needed? Are your members trained for the type of

incidents that you may be called for? Low Risk to High Risk & Low Frequency of Occurrence to High Frequency of Occurrence - Risk Analysis. A "Good Chief selects the people capable of doing the job and then steps back and lets them do it!" Risk vs. Gain? Saving Lives and Protecting Property. Mike will be presenting a condensed version of the National Fire Academy's class "Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations" to help you address some of these concerns.

No class size limitations.

Water Flow For Fire Operations – 6hrs. Instructor: Pete Bolzer, Brookings, SD.

This class will explore the increasingly important need for adequate water flow at today's fire incidents. Topics will include nozzle selection and maintenance, "street smart" hydraulics, knowing when to flow "big water," pump operations and solving water flow problems. The class will incorporate a short classroom session with hands-on pumping exercises, where each student will operate a fire pump utilizing different water sources and have the opportunity to solve water supply problems. The instructor will share knowledge gained both "on the nozzle" and as a pump operator during the 33 years in the fire service, as well as introduce new concepts in fire flow.

Students will need NFPA compliant structural PPC for the hands-on exercises.

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Forming a Fire Protection District (according to South Dakota Codified Law) – 3hrs. (afternoon)

Instructor: Kari Bartling, esq., Kolker Law Office, Groton, SD.

Learn some of the advantages, as well as some of the disadvantages, of forming a Fire Protection District from an attorney that has helped several South Dakota Volunteer Fire Departments through the legal steps that are required by South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL). SDCL also requires townships to provide for fire protection. SDCL does not spell out the terms of a contract between a fire department and a township for fire protection, but only requires that the contract term not exceed a ten year time frame before being renegotiated and/or renewed. Is taxation the "best deal" as compared to negotiating contracts? Do we really need to have a fire protection district board of directors govern our operations? Can the tax money that is received be encumbered for capital outlay expenses such as new truck? Can we enter a lease/purchase contract knowing that we are receiving this tax money? Do we have to follow state bid guidelines for the equipment that we plan to purchase with this money? Come prepared to ask questions.

No class size limitations.